Procedures for filming

157. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to simplify the procedure for shooting of films in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Government has simplified the guidelines for shooting of foreign feature films and co productions in India to make them more facilitative with effect from January, 2004. Under the revised guidelines proposals to shoot foreign feature films and co productions in India are cleared in three weeks as against twelve weeks taken earlier. For specified areas like border belts, Jammu & Kashmir and the North East, however, more time may be required. Procedures regarding scrutiny of scripts, attachment of liaison officer with the shooting team and preview of film before its release anywhere in the world have been rationalized.

Depending on the requirements of the changing scenario, the procedure is re-visited from time to time to simplify it further.

Strengthening of the legal system

158. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are strengthening the legal system in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the courts have not computerized their systems in many states;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to computerize all the records in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is considering the question of bringing in a legislation for the establishment of Gram Nyayalayas at the intermediate Panchayat level. The proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall consist of a Nyayadhikari who shall be qualified to be eligible to be appointed as a Judicial Magistrate of the first class and belonging to a cadre of Nyayadhikaris constituted by the Governor in consultation with the State Public Service Commission and the Chief Justice of the High Court. The Gram Nyayalayas would be holding the courts at their head quarters and also as Mobile Courts in the close proximity of the places where the parties ordinarily reside in their territorial jurisdiction. The Gram Nyayalayas will follow summary procedure and have a time bound plan of disposal of the civil and criminal cases coming before them. The manpower required for the proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall be in addition to the existing judicial officers of the subordinate judiciary.

(c) and (d) Under the pilot project on computerization of city courts in four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata 700 courts have been computerized. As an extension of this project, 900 city courts have also been covered in capital cities of all the States and UTs or in places where the principal seat of the High Courts is located.

(e) E-Committee was constituted by the Government to advice on technological communication and management related changes in the Indian Judiciary. The Committee has submitted its report on National Policy and Action Plan for implementation of information and Communication Technology in the entire Indian Judiciary. It has estimated a sum of Rs. 854 crore to implement the project of computerization of entire judicial system of the country over a period of 5 years. The project was launched at a function in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister on 5th October, 2005.

Law on accountability of Judges

159. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering to